And whereas the Secretary for Scotland made a Representation stating that he had received a copy of an Interlocutor by the Sheriff-Substitute of Stirlingshire at Falkirk, finding that (1) a certain portion of the Burial Ground known as the Parish Churchyard of Larbert; and (2) the Larbert East United Free Church Churchyard, are dangerous to health and offensive and contrary to decency:

And whereas in the said Representation it was recommended that the said portion of the Parish Churchyard of Larbert, and the Larbert East United Free Church Churchyard should be closed, subject to certain reservations:

And whereas notice of the said Representation, and of the time when it pleased His Majesty to order the same to be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council, has been duly published in the Edinburgh Gazette, and has been fixed as required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order as follows, viz.:—

That burials be forthwith discontinued in (1) the portion of the Burial Ground known as the Parish Churchyard of Larbert, which is represented by the area included within a green border on the plan signed by the Secretary for Scotland, and deposited with the Sheriff-Clerk of the County of Stirling at his office at Falkirk, and (2) the Larbert East United Free Church Churchyard, provided that right of interment be reserved as follows, viz:—

- (1) Within the said portion of the Parish Churchyard of Larbert and in the said Larbert East United Free Church Churchyard to any widow or widower whose husband or wife has been buried therein;
- (2)—(a) Within the burial place of the family of Dundas of Carronhall, in the said Parish Churchyard of Larbert, to Margaret Isabella Dundas, residing at Winterfield, North Berwick, widow of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Dundas of Carronhall, and to her daughter, Eleanor Charlotte Dundas;
 - (b) Within the burial place of the family of Stirling of Glenbervie, in the said Parish Churchyard, to any two of the descendants of the late Sylvester Douglas Stirling of Glenbervie, or in place of one such to the wife or husband, widow or widower of a descendant:

Provided always, as regards all interments after the date of the Order, in either the said Larbert East United Free Church Churchyard or the said portion of the Parish Churchyard of Larbert, that the exercise of the right of burial shall not be injurious to public health; that no interment shall be made unless the coffin can be laid at a depth of four feet from the surface of the ground to the upper side of the coffin, and that without the exposure of another coffin; that such burials in either of the said burial grounds be made at sight of the Sanitary Inspector of the District in which the Burial Ground is situated; and that notice be given to the Sanitary Inspector on the day preceding that on which a grave is to be opened.

A W. FITZROY.

And whereas the Secretary for Scotland THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER ode a Representation stating that he had rejected a copy of an Interlocutor by the Sheriff-JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER, ST. JOHN'S GATE, CLERKENWELL, LONDON,

December 4, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Lady of Justice.

The Most Honourable Lady Mand Evelyn, Marchioness of Lansdowne, V.A., C.I. (from Lady of Grace).

Knights of Grace.

Alfred Scott Scott-Gatty, Esq. (York Herald) (from Esquire).
Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, K.C.M.G.

Lady of Grace.

The Most Honourable Lady Theresa Susey Helen, Marchioness of Loudonderry.

Esquire.

Lockhart Stockwell, Esq. (late Seaforth Highlanders).

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 3, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir John Lane Harrington, K.C.V.O., C.B., a Lieutenant-Colonel in His Majesty's Army, to be His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II. of Ethiopia.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

December 8, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that, upon a special recommendation from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, and with the assent of the Treasury, Mr. Ernest Leslie Holland, having served as a Clerk of the Second Division for upwards of eight years, has been promoted to a Clerkship of the First Division in the Estate Duty Office of the Department of Inland Revenue, with a special Certificate granted exceptionally by the Civil Service Commissioners.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

December 8, 1903.

The following Candidates have been confided by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—